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The U.S. Supreme Court today denied death row inmate James Lee Jones' motion for rehearing. The U.S. Supreme court had previously denied certiorari on Oct. 9. Jones, also known as Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman, was convicted in the Feb. 17, 1986 stabbing death of Patrick Daniels, 28, of Nashville, and the critical wounding of Daniels' girlfriend, Norma Normans. Jones forced the pair onto the floor, bound them with duct tape, robbed them and stabbed them repeatedly. Jones was sentenced to death for the robbery-murder. The U.S. District Court upheld Jones' conviction, but set aside his death sentence in 1998. On Sept. 13, 2000, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated the death sentence. The defendant currently has pending before the Sixth Circuit two motions requesting extraordinary relief.

The Attorney General's Office has filed a motion with the Tennessee Supreme Court requesting that a new execution date be set.